

## [CHAPTER 51]

## AN ACT

Granting easements on Indian lands of the Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation, Wyoming, for dam site and reservoir purposes in connection with the Riverton reclamation project.

March 14, 1940  
[S. 2843]

[Public, No. 431]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby granted to the United States and its assigns, including its successors in control of the operation and maintenance of the Riverton reclamation project, Wyoming, a flowage easement and an easement for a dam site, together with all rights and privileges incident to the use and enjoyment of said easements, over tribal and allotted lands of the Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation within that part of said reservation required for the construction of the Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir on Bull Lake Creek, a tributary of the Wind River, in connection with the Riverton reclamation project, Wyoming, and for the impounding of approximately one hundred and fifty-five thousand acre-feet of water, including a ten-foot freeboard: *Provided*, That in consideration of the said rights insofar as they affect tribal lands there shall be deposited into the Treasury of the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560), for credit to the Shoshone and Arapaho Indians of the Wind River Reservation the sum of \$6,500, from moneys appropriated for the construction of the said Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir, and the said sum when so credited shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation, Wyo.  
Easements granted U. S., concerning Riverton reclamation project.

Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir.

*Proviso.*  
Amount to credit of Indians.

25 U. S. C. § 155.

Compensation.

*Proviso.*  
Condemnation proceedings.

Use of lands, etc., by Indians.

Administrative provisions.

SEC. 2. That compensation to the individual Indian owners of the allotted lands within the area described in section 1 shall be made from moneys appropriated for the construction of the Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir at the appraised value of the easements: *Provided*, That should any individual Indian not agree to accept the appraised value of the easement as it affects his land, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire such easement by condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The easements herein granted shall not interfere with the use by the Indians of the Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation of the lands herein dealt with and the waters of Bull Lake Creek and the reservoir insofar as the use by the Indians shall not be inconsistent with the use of said lands for reservoir purposes.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to perform any and all acts and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, March 14, 1940.

## [CHAPTER 52]

## AN ACT

To provide for allowance of expenses incurred by Veterans' Administration beneficiaries and their attendants in authorized travel for examination and treatment.

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[S. 2866]

[Public, No. 432]

Veterans' Administration.  
Allowance of expenses to certain beneficiaries.

*Provisos.*  
Mileage.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by the President, to pay the actual necessary expenses of travel, including lodging and subsistence, or in lieu thereof an allowance based upon the mileage traveled, of any person to or from a Veterans' Administration facility, or other place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care: *Provided*, That payment of mileage upon termination of examination, treatment, or

Expenses of an attendant.

care may be made prior to completion of such travel: *And provided further*, That when any such person requires an attendant other than an employee of the Veterans' Administration for the performance of such travel, such attendant may be allowed expenses of travel upon a similar basis.

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[CHAPTER 53]

AN ACT

March 14, 1940  
[S. 3012]  
[Public, No. 433]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 662), relative to the payment of the commuted rations of enlisted men.

Enlisted men,  
Navy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 662), insofar as the provisions thereof are embodied in section 908 of title 34 of the United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Payments from accrued commuted rations.

"Money accruing from the commuted rations of enlisted men legally assigned to duty with officers' or other messes, afloat or ashore, may be paid under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy."

Approved, March 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 56]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 15, 1940  
[S. J. Res. 206]  
[Pub. Res., No. 58]

Creating a commission to arrange for the celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the signing of the first United States patent law.

First patent law, sesquicentennial celebration.  
Preamble.

Whereas there will occur on April 10, 1940, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of President George Washington's approval of the first Act of Congress authorizing and regulating the grant of patents as contemplated in article I, section 8, of the Constitution; and

Whereas the encouragement and the protection thus afforded to discoverers and inventors have both inspired and rewarded their genius to the benefit of this Nation and the whole world; and

Whereas the American patent system inaugurated by this Act of Congress has promoted countless applications of the arts and sciences to the needs and well-being of our people and thereby contributed notably to a higher standard of living in our country; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of the institution of a system so beneficial to the people of the United States should be worthily observed: Now, therefore, be it

Commission on arrangements.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there is hereby created a commission consisting of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Patents, the chairman of the House Committee on Patents, the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of Patents, and five other members to be selected by them, with power and authority to make suitable arrangements for an appropriate observance of the sesquicentennial of the first United States patent law.

Inventors' and Patent Day.  
President requested to set aside April 10, 1940, as.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States is requested to set aside April 10, 1940, as Inventors' and Patent Day to invite a general public commemoration of an event which has proved so important and salutary to this Nation.